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In re Application of

Naoki TOMIYAMA

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FOR: PISTON COUPLING MECHANISM,
LOCKUP DEVICE FOR A FLUID-TYPE
TORQUE TRANSMISSION DEVICE,
ELASTIC COUPLING MECHANISM,
AND SPRING INSTALLATION
METHOD FOR AN ELASTIC COUPLING
MECHANISM

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Sir:

In response to the January 4, 2005 Office Action, please amend the above-identified patent application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the Listing of Claims, which begins on page two (2) of this paper. Claims 15-20 are pending, with claim 15 being the only independent claims.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page five (5) of this paper.